(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to study the fatigue element in respect of the pilots operating Air India and Indian Airlines flights;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner it compares with the figures available for pilots in foreign airlines;

(c) whether the fatigue element is going to accentuate further with the increasing number of non-stop long distance flights being introduced; and

(d) if so, in what manner it would affect the work efficiency and the flying security; aspect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Govt. has constituted a committee to study all aspects relating to crew fatigue and formulate proposal for laying down Flight Duty Time Limitations. The committee is carrying out necessary study.

Pre-flight tests on pilots

88. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the pre-flight tests on the pilots and the aircrafts have become cursories in the airlines during the recent years;

(b) whether it is one of the reasons for the increased number of accidents during the flights;

(c) what is the number of times when flights were delayed or cancelled due to technical snags during the last 6 months; and

(d) what steps were taken to identify the real problems in developing these technical sangs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) during the period April 1988 to September 1988 the following number of flights of Indian Airlines and Air India was delayed/cancelled due to technical snags:

	Indian Airlines	Air India
Total take offs	53,547	5,122
Flights delayed/ cancelled due to technical reasons	1,162	230

(d) Every morning a meeting is held under the Chairmanship of the Engineering Manager (Maintenance) (EMM) with representatives of Quality Control and local Director of Airworthiness of the Director General of Civil Aviation to assess the corretctive action taken on repetitive snags. All the snags are scrutinised aircraftwise with a view to ensuring that proper corrective action has been initiated.

Bombay Madras Janata Express

89. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been persisting demand for the restoration of Bombay-Madras Janata Express in view of the importance of lifting perishable fruits, vegetables and grains in places like Koddur etc. by several Members of Parliament and general public;

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to restore Janata Express or to introduce a fast passenger train between Madras and Bombay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not found feasible.

(c) There is no such proposal.